

Regarding the election-of-species requirement, Applicants elect, without traverse, the following species:

Species A: SEQ ID NO. 1923 (gene name: sorbitol dehydrogenase)  
Species B: arrhythmias  
Species C: cyclophosphamide  
Species D: microarray assays

Applicants understand that this election is being made to aid the Examiner in conducting a search and examination of the claimed subject matter, and is not to be construed as limiting the scope of the claims. Applicants also understand that, if the elected subject matter is found to be allowable over the prior art, the search and examination will be expanded to cover other species, until it includes the full scope of the generic claims included in the elected group.

It is asserted that this response is timely and that extensions of time, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in accompanying documents, are not required. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), and any fees required therefore are authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-4336.

Respectfully submitted,

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